

## NOTICE OF OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET ACTION

Madeleine Clayton 10/17/2001  
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Office of the Chief Information Officer  
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Room 6086  
Washington, DC 20230

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act, OMB has taken the following action on your request for the extension of approval of an information collection received on 08/06/2001.

TITLE: NOAA Satellite Ground Station Customer Questionnaire

AGENCY FORM NUMBER(S): None

ACTION : APPROVED

OMB NO.: 0648-0227

EXPIRATION DATE: 10/31/2004

BURDEN	RESPONSES	BURDEN HOURS	BURDEN COSTS
Previous	300	50	0
New	300	50	0
Difference	0	0	0
Program Change		0	0
Adjustment		0	0

TERMS OF CLEARANCE: None

NOTE: The agency is required to display the OMB control number and inform respondents of its legal significance (see 5 CFR 1320.5(b)).

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OMB Authorizing Official Title

Donald R. Arbuckle Deputy Administrator, Office of  
Information and Regulatory Affairs

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# PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT SUBMISSION

**Please read the instructions before completing this form. For additional forms or assistance in completing this form, contact your agency's Paperwork Clearance Officer. Send two copies of this form, the collection instrument to be reviewed, the supporting statement, and any additional documentation to: Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Docket Library, Room 10102, 725 17th Street NW, Washington, DC 20503.**

1. Agency/Subagency originating request	2. OMB control number <span style="float: right;">b. <input type="checkbox"/> None</span> a. _____ - _____
3. Type of information collection ( <i>check one</i> ) a. <input type="checkbox"/> New Collection b. <input type="checkbox"/> Revision of a currently approved collection c. <input type="checkbox"/> Extension of a currently approved collection d. <input type="checkbox"/> Reinstatement, without change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired e. <input type="checkbox"/> Reinstatement, with change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired f. <input type="checkbox"/> Existing collection in use without an OMB control number For b-f, note Item A2 of Supporting Statement instructions	4. Type of review requested ( <i>check one</i> ) a. <input type="checkbox"/> Regular submission b. <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency - Approval requested by _____ / _____ / _____ c. <input type="checkbox"/> Delegated  5. Small entities Will this information collection have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No  6. Requested expiration date a. <input type="checkbox"/> Three years from approval date b. <input type="checkbox"/> Other Specify: _____ / _____
7. Title	
8. Agency form number(s) ( <i>if applicable</i> )	
9. Keywords	
10. Abstract	
11. Affected public ( <i>Mark primary with "P" and all others that apply with "x"</i> ) a. <input type="checkbox"/> Individuals or households d. <input type="checkbox"/> Farms b. <input type="checkbox"/> Business or other for-profit e. <input type="checkbox"/> Federal Government c. <input type="checkbox"/> Not-for-profit institutions f. <input type="checkbox"/> State, Local or Tribal Government	12. Obligation to respond ( <i>check one</i> ) a. <input type="checkbox"/> Voluntary b. <input type="checkbox"/> Required to obtain or retain benefits c. <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory
13. Annual recordkeeping and reporting burden a. Number of respondents _____ b. Total annual responses _____ 1. Percentage of these responses collected electronically _____ % c. Total annual hours requested _____ d. Current OMB inventory _____ e. Difference _____ f. Explanation of difference 1. Program change _____ 2. Adjustment _____	14. Annual reporting and recordkeeping cost burden ( <i>in thousands of dollars</i> ) a. Total annualized capital/startup costs _____ b. Total annual costs (O&M) _____ c. Total annualized cost requested _____ d. Current OMB inventory _____ e. Difference _____ f. Explanation of difference 1. Program change _____ 2. Adjustment _____
15. Purpose of information collection ( <i>Mark primary with "P" and all others that apply with "X"</i> ) a. <input type="checkbox"/> Application for benefits e. <input type="checkbox"/> Program planning or management b. <input type="checkbox"/> Program evaluation f. <input type="checkbox"/> Research c. <input type="checkbox"/> General purpose statistics g. <input type="checkbox"/> Regulatory or compliance d. <input type="checkbox"/> Audit	16. Frequency of recordkeeping or reporting ( <i>check all that apply</i> ) a. <input type="checkbox"/> Recordkeeping b. <input type="checkbox"/> Third party disclosure c. <input type="checkbox"/> Reporting 1. <input type="checkbox"/> On occasion 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Weekly 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Quarterly 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Semi-annually 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Annually 7. <input type="checkbox"/> Biennially 8. <input type="checkbox"/> Other (describe) _____
17. Statistical methods Does this information collection employ statistical methods <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	18. Agency Contact (person who can best answer questions regarding the content of this submission)  Name: _____ Phone: _____

## 19. Certification for Paperwork Reduction Act Submissions

On behalf of this Federal Agency, I certify that the collection of information encompassed by this request complies with 5 CFR 1320.9

**NOTE:** The text of 5 CFR 1320.9, and the related provisions of 5 CFR 1320.8(b)(3), appear at the end of the instructions. *The certification is to be made with reference to those regulatory provisions as set forth in the instructions.*

The following is a summary of the topics, regarding the proposed collection of information, that the certification covers:

- (a) It is necessary for the proper performance of agency functions;
- (b) It avoids unnecessary duplication;
- (c) It reduces burden on small entities;
- (d) It used plain, coherent, and unambiguous terminology that is understandable to respondents;
- (e) Its implementation will be consistent and compatible with current reporting and recordkeeping practices;
- (f) It indicates the retention period for recordkeeping requirements;
- (g) It informs respondents of the information called for under 5 CFR 1320.8(b)(3):
  - (i) Why the information is being collected;
  - (ii) Use of information;
  - (iii) Burden estimate;
  - (iv) Nature of response (voluntary, required for a benefit, mandatory);
  - (v) Nature and extent of confidentiality; and
  - (vi) Need to display currently valid OMB control number;
- (h) It was developed by an office that has planned and allocated resources for the efficient and effective management and use of the information to be collected (see note in Item 19 of instructions);
- (i) It uses effective and efficient statistical survey methodology; and
- (j) It makes appropriate use of information technology.

If you are unable to certify compliance with any of the provisions, identify the item below and explain the reason in Item 18 of the Supporting Statement.

Signature of Senior Official or designee

Date

Agency Certification (signature of Assistant Administrator or head of MB staff for L.O.s, or of the Director of a Program or Staff Office)	
Signature	Date
Signature of NOAA Clearance Officer	
Signature	Date

**SUPPORTING STATEMENT  
NOAA SATELLITE GROUND STATION CUSTOMER QUESTIONNAIRE  
OMB CONTROL NO. 0648-0227**

**A. JUSTIFICATION**

**1. Explain the circumstances that make the collection of information necessary.**

NOAA operates four meteorological satellite imagery transmission systems, two from geostationary (GOES) satellites and two from polar-orbiting (TIROS) satellites. The data transmitted are available worldwide, and any user can establish a ground receiving station for reception of the data without the prior consent or other approval from NOAA. With such an open access policy, little or nothing is known about the data users and application of the data received.

The purpose of collecting the information contained in the "Questionnaire" is to satisfy the following objectives:

- a. To comply with international agreements so that NOAA can provide environmental satellite data and processed satellite data products to the public domain.
- b. To improve Government efficiencies of data dissemination using cost-saving technologies to minimize the expenditure of personnel and financial resources. The collection of information from a respondent is initiated when an individual contacts NESDIS via letter, telephone, fax or email. If the nature of the contact indicates the individual may operate a satellite receiving station for the acquisition of NOAA satellite data, a questionnaire is mailed to the individual. An electronic version of the questionnaire, which is found on a NOAA Internet site, is an option which can be completed at the respondent's discretion.

NOAA is not collecting other information from the same group of respondents.

**2. Explain how, by whom, how frequently, and for what purpose the information will be used.**

The information collected is used by NOAA/NESDIS in designing future satellite transmission systems, and determining the data content of present and future transmission systems. Within the past 3 years, collection information has been used in, but not confined to, the following activities:

- a. To determine the impact of changing data transmission rates on the forthcoming NOAA NPOESS satellites on the user community.

- b. To notify domestic and international users of changes to the transmission format of the Low Resolution Picture Transmission (LRPT) and GOES VARIABLE rate (GVAR) data from NOAA satellites to be launched during 2002-2003.
- c. To notify users of high-resolution TIROS data of changes in the method of data calibration.
- d. To revise the content of the Weather Facsimile (WEFAX) data transmission to ensure Government/military requirements for products are fulfilled.
- e. To satisfy the annual obligation to the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) to provide the geographic location and receiving capability of any reception station known to NOAA.

**3. Describe whether, and to what extent, the collection of information involves the use of automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological techniques or other forms of information technology.**

NOAA's information requirements are minimal. A questionnaire identical to the paper version is offered on an Internet web site. The type of respondents to this collection frequently have Internet access, and the electronic form option further reduced the respondent's burden. Approximately 60 percent of respondents are using this option. No additional or improved technology has been identified that can further reduce the burden to the respondent.

**4. Describe efforts to identify duplication.**

The information being collected from respondents is unique and highly relevant to the operation on the Direct Services Division and its support to other NOAA/NESDIS operations. No other NOAA/NESDIS components are collecting similar information.

**5. If the collection of information involves small businesses or other small entities, describe the methods used to minimize burden.**

The burden is minimal on all respondents.

**6. Describe the consequences to the Federal program or policy activities if the collection is not conducted or is conducted less frequently.**

If this information were not collected, there would be no other source of information which describes the database of NOAA satellite users. Without such information, short-term operational decisions and long-term planning and development would occur without being able to significantly gauge the scientific and monetary impact of such actions on the global user community, which includes other national governments and foreign meteorological agencies, and scientific and educational institutions. NOAA would be unable to fulfill its reporting requirement to the WMO.

The frequency of collection is not an issue; it is collected once upon initial contact and subsequently only if there are changes to the information from the initial collection.

**7. Explain any special circumstances that require the collection to be conducted in a manner inconsistent with OMB guidelines.**

The collection is consistent with OMB guidelines.

**8. Provide a copy of the PRA Federal Register notice that solicited public comments on the information collection prior to this submission. Summarize the public comments received in response to that notice and describe the actions taken by the agency in response to those comments. Describe the efforts to consult with persons outside the agency to obtain their views on the availability of data, frequency of collection, the clarity of instructions and recordkeeping, disclosure, or reporting format (if any), and on the data elements to be recorded, disclosed, or reported.**

The PRA Federal Register notice that solicited public comments on the information collection is attached; no comments were received.

**9. Explain any decisions to provide payments or gifts to respondents, other than remuneration of contractors or grantees.**

No payments or gifts are made.

**10. Describe any assurance of confidentiality provided to respondents and the basis for assurance in statute, regulation, or agency policy.**

All respondents are advised that any information submitted will be treated as confidential in accordance with the Freedom Of Information Act and Privacy Act (5 USC 552).

**11. Provide additional justification for any questions of a sensitive nature, such as sexual behavior and attitudes, religious beliefs, and other matters that are commonly considered private.**

No sensitive questions are asked.

**12. Provide an estimate in hours of the burden of the collection of information.**

Number of respondents	300
Number of responses per respondent	1
Total annual responses	300
Average time per response	10 minutes
Total hours for the collection	50 hours

**13. Provide an estimate of the total annual cost burden to the respondents or record-keepers resulting from the collection.**

We estimate \$50 for mailing costs (stamps and envelopes). Most respondents complete the form on line.

**14. Provide estimates of annualized cost to the Federal government.**

NOAA requires approximately 10 minutes to review and process each questionnaire. Entry of the information into a data base by a GS-7 technician (\$14.92/hour, OPM 2000 mean) costs NOAA \$746 per year.

**15. Explain the reasons for any program changes or adjustments reported in Items 13 or 14 of the OMB 83-I.**

No changes are requested.

**16. For collections whose results will be published, outline the plans for tabulation and publication.**

The results are not published.

**17. If seeking approval to not display the expiration date for OMB approval of the information collection, explain the reasons why display would be inappropriate.**

N/A.

**18. Explain each exception to the certification statement identified in Item 19 of the OMB 83-I.**

There are no exceptions.



## **B. COLLECTIONS OF INFORMATION EMPLOYING STATISTICAL METHODS**

This collection does not employ statistical methods.



## NOAA Satellite Ground Station Customer Questionnaire

OMB Authorization #0648-0227 Exp. 10/31/01

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NOAA, the operator of both the GOES geostationary and NOAA polar-orbiting satellites, maintains a "users list" of all known operators of meteorological satellite receiving stations throughout the world. During the past four years, a new family of geostationary satellites has been launched; in May 1998 a new series of polar-orbiting satellites began with the launch of NOAA-15. In the years ahead the present APT direct readout system will be replaced by LRPT and GOES WEFAX will be replaced with LRIT. The "users list" is one way NOAA has of keeping the user community informed of these changes.

NOAA also provides limited, up-to-date information about satellite receiving station location and type of data received to the World Meteorological Organization (WMO). This information does not identify the user, however.

This questionnaire is designed to help NOAA provide the best possible service to you, assist in keeping satellite users informed of changes with the NOAA operated satellites, and information for the world community through the WMO.

Your response is voluntary and all information will be handled in accordance with the United States Privacy Act. If you have not completed a similar survey for NOAA within the past 6-12 months, we ask your cooperation in gathering this information. We are interested in hearing from **all** users throughout the world, even if you receive data from non-NOAA meteorological satellites.

Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire. Please answer all questions that apply.

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1. Check one user category which **best** describes your activity:

If other, please describe in the space below:

○ If an equipment or software **manufacturer**, check all products or services below that apply:

APT

HRPT

GOES-TAP

WEFAX

VISSR/VAS/GVAR (GOES, METEOSAT, GMS,...)

Software

Image interpretation services  
Complete 'turn key' installations  
If other, please describe:

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2. Do you receive meteorological (weather) satellite transmissions?

Yes    No    Not Applicable

- If you answered yes, please indicate **one** category which **best** describes how often you receive satellite transmissions.

If other, please describe:

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3. What data types do you receive? Check all that apply (from **any** satellite- NOAA, METEOR, GOES, GMS, METEOSAT, GOMS, INSAT, etc...)

APT Automatic Picture Transmission (NOAA, METEOR...)

HRPT High Resolution Picture Transmission

WEFAX (GOES, METEOSAT SDUS, GMS,...) 1691 MHz services

GOES VISSR/GVAR, METEOSAT PDUS, GMS, GOMS, INSAT... direct high resolution transmission service

EMWIN from NOAA GOES-EAST/-WEST

If other, please describe:

Do not know or Not Applicable

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4. Do you have access to any of the following? Check all that apply.

Computer with modem

Electronic mail (E-mail)

Internet

Commercial on-line service (Compuserve, MCINet, AOL, Freeserve or similar)

Do not know / Not applicable

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5. Do you obtain navigation/orbital predict information **directly** from NOAA via the NOAA SIS Web site?

Yes    No    Do not know / Not Applicable

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6. What is the location of your receiving station? (Please use DD:MM:SS format; ie 32 degrees 34' 03" N would be 32:34:03 N **or** DD.dddd decimal format; ie 32.568 degrees N would be 32.568 N)

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7. User information: Please fill out completely.

Name:

Title:

Organization:

Division:

Address:

Country:

Telephone:

Telefax:

Email:

Additional comments or questions:

Thank you for completing this questionnaire.

**Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 10 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources , gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to NOAA/NESDIS E/SP3, FOB 4 Room 3320, 5200 Auth Road, Suitland, MD 20746-4304. NOAA may not conduct, nor are you required to respond to, this collection of information unless a currently valid OMB control number appears on this form.**

**Sec. 313. Duties of Secretary of Commerce**

The Secretary of Commerce shall have charge of the forecasting of weather, the issue of storm warnings, the display of weather and flood signals for the benefit of agriculture, commerce, and navigation, the gauging and reporting of rivers, the maintenance and operation of seacoast telegraph lines and the collection and transmission of marine intelligence for the benefit of commerce and navigation, the reporting of temperature and rain-fall conditions for the cotton interests, the display of frost and cold-wave signals, the distribution of meteorological information in the interests of agriculture and commerce, and the taking of such meteorological observations as may be necessary to establish and record the climatic conditions of the United States, or as are essential for the proper execution of the foregoing duties.

*Form Number:* None.

*Type of Review:* Regular submission.

*Affected public:* Business or other for-profit organizations, individuals or households.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 206.

*Estimated Time Per Response:* 5 minutes.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 52.

*Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public:* \$216.

#### IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: April 25, 2001.

**Gwellnar Banks,**

*Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

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#### DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

##### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 042601D]

##### NOAA Satellite Ground Station Customer Questionnaire

**AGENCY:** National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

**ACTION:** Proposed information collection; comment request.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the

Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Pub. L. 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted on or before July 2, 2001.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Madeleine Clayton, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6086, 14th and Constitution Avenue NW, Washington DC 20230 (or via Internet at MClayton@doc.gov).

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Wayne Winston, E/SP3, Room 3320, 5200 Auth Road, Suitland MD 20746-4304 (phone 301-457-5681)

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Abstract

NOAA operates meteorological satellite imagery transmission systems whose data are available worldwide. Any user can establish a ground station for receiving the data without prior consent from NOAA. Surveying of customers allows NOAA to learn about who uses the data, how, with what equipment, the location of the equipment, and similar subjects. This information is used to help determine the possible impact of signal or data changes, to identify users for future contacts, and to annually report to the World Meteorological Organization on the geographic location and capabilities of known receiving stations.

##### II. Method of Collection

People contacting NOAA in a way that indicates that they may operate a satellite receiving station for acquiring NOAA data are mailed a questionnaire. An electronic version is available to persons accessing the related NOAA Web site.

##### III. Data

*OMB Number:* 0648-0227.

*Form Number:* None.

*Type of Review:* Regular submission.

*Affected public:* Not-for-profit institutions, individuals or households, business or other for-profit organizations, farms, and state, local, or tribal government.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 300.

*Estimated Time Per Response:* 10 minutes.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 50.

*Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public:* \$50.

#### IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) whether the proposed collection of information

is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

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Dated: April 25, 2001.

**Gwellnar Banks,**

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#### DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

##### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 042401E]

##### New England Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

**AGENCY:** National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of public meetings.

**SUMMARY:** The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) is scheduling a public meeting of its Red Crab Advisory Panel and Scientific and Statistical Committee, (SSC) to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ). Recommendations from these groups will be brought to the full Council for formal consideration and action, if appropriate.

**DATES:** The meetings will be held between May 15, 2001, and May 18, 2001. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific dates and times.

**ADDRESSES:** The meetings will be held in Newburyport, MA. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific locations.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Paul J. Howard, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council; (978) 465-0492.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**